

AMENDMENTS

In the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings in accordance with the attached Amendment of Drawings.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

a1 Fig 9

1. (Amended) A driving apparatus, comprising:

- a base frame;
- an electro-mechanical transducer one end of which is fixed to the base frame;
- at least one vibrating member formed substantially of the electro-mechanical transducer;
- a moving member frictionally coupled with the electro-mechanical transducer;
- and
- a driver to drive the electro-mechanical transducer,

wherein the driver applies a voltage such that the speed of extension of the electro-mechanical transducer between the ends thereof differs from the speed of contraction.

Fig 2
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14. (Amended) A driving apparatus, comprising:

- a base frame;
- an electro-mechanical transducer one end of which is fixed to the base frame, the electro-mechanical transducer has a disk configuration and a contact part;
- at least one vibrating member formed substantially of the electro-mechanical transducer;
- a moving member frictionally contacted with a contact part of the electro-mechanical transducer, the moving member driven to rotate by applying a voltage; and
- a driver to drive the electro-mechanical transducer,

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amended.

wherein the driver applies the voltage such that a speed of extension of the
electro-mechanical transducer between the ends thereof differs from the speed of contraction.

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20. (Amended) The driving apparatus, comprising:

a base frame;

an electro-mechanical transducer one end of which is fixed to the base frame, the
electro-mechanical transducer has a thin plate configuration and a contact part;

at least one vibrating member formed substantially of the electro-mechanical
transducer;

a moving member frictionally contacted with the contact part of the electro-
mechanical transducer; and

a driver to drive the electro-mechanical transducer,

wherein the driver applies a voltage such that a speed of extension of the electro-
mechanical transducer between the ends thereof differs from the speed of contraction.

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24. (Amended) A method of driving an electro-mechanical transducer having two
sections covered by two active electrodes, and at least one vibrating member formed
substantially of the electro-mechanical transducer, comprising:

applying a voltage such that a first section of the electro-mechanical transducer
extends at a high speed while a second section of the electro-mechanical transducer contracts
slowly; and

applying the voltage such that the first section of the electro-mechanical
transducer contracts slowly while the second section of the electro-mechanical transducer
extends at a high speed.
